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BOYCOTT OF DUTCH SHIPS

LONDON, Oct. 31.—Sailors of the Royal Navy have organised a collection among crews of British warships in Sydney harbour in support of Indian seamen who have refused to sail Dutch ships to Indonesia, cables the "Daily Worker's" special correspondent from Sydney.

The despatch states that gifts bought with this collection were handed to Indians with a message from British sailors saying: "We are proud of you."

Australian and Canadian soldiers have also expressed solidarity with Indians who have joined with Indonesians and Australians in making the boycott of Dutch ships 100 per cent effective, the correspondent adds.—Reuter.

POLICE EXPLODE GANGSTER MYTH

Bilton Tin For Singapore

HILVERSUM, Nov. 1.—According to the Dutch Naval Information Service, the general situation on Bilton Island in the Dutch East Indies is quiet.

There is shortage of rice. Tin installations have been seriously damaged, but some tin has already been sold to Singapore.—Reuter.

Public Silence On Terrorists

Hampers Investigation

POLICE denounce as completely and utterly false the belief of the public that any of the gang robbers who have been terrorising Penang belongs to some patriotic societies. Police also state that no patriotic society can take it upon itself to investigate crimes.

The Military and the Police are the only legitimate bodies to conduct any investigations regarding unlawful acts and alleged collaborators of the Japs.

To stamp out further gang robberies, the Police carried out a series of surprise raids on eight hotels early yesterday morning. Forty suspects were arrested.

In the subsequent identification parade, one man was recognised as being one of the gangsters in the Cantonment Road robbery case.

Duty To Tell

"The raids were not as successful as we had hoped," states Capt. W. G. Street of the Civil Police, in an interview with an "Echo-Gazette" representative. "This I attribute to the fact that we find it very hard to get any information these days."

"Members of the public will not come forward and give reports of crimes committed. As citizens, they are actually bound by law to tell us everything about unlawful acts. We cannot hope to arrest these gang robbers as quickly as we wish unless we have the full co-operation of the public. The more information we can get from the populace, the sooner the gang robberies would be over."

Capt. Street, referring to the Cantonment Road robbery case, commended the courage of a Malay woman and the promptitude of the police which made the arrest of one of the gang possible.

While the other inmates of the

TWO LOOTERS SHOT

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house were being held up at pistol point, a woman had managed to slip out and make a report to the Pulau Tikus Police Station, when a squad quickly converged on the house.

Unfounded Fear

In the ensuing gun battle, the police constables were greatly hampered as a crowd had collected and they were afraid to shoot for fear of hitting innocent people. There was no casualty, but one of the robbers was arrested on the spot. Interrogation proved that the two robbers now in gaol do not belong to any patriotic society.

Public apprehension of reprisals from members of patriotic society or societies, should they give information against these gang robbers, is utterly unfounded. It would seem that robbers claim alliance to patriotic societies to terrorise their victims into silence.

It is emphasised that no society has any right to enter a house, let alone search or commit a robbery and the public is requested to report any such unlawful acts to the police.

"Daily Worker" On Labour Movement In Malaya

LONDON, Oct. 31.—All political parties in Singapore, including Communists, are now united in their demand for democratic self-government, reports the Communist Party organ, the "Daily Worker", today.

It says that since the Japanese capitulation, the labour movement has gained strength and its central organisation, the Singapore General Labour Union, claims the support of 100 organisations. Some 200,000 key workers, including rubber workers, building and transport men, dockers and mechanics, are now organised in trade unions.

Racial prejudices are at last giving way to the necessities of economic and political struggle, and for the first time Chinese, Indian and Malay workers are uniting to achieve their common aims.—Reuter.

THUNDERBOLTS GO INTO ACTION

Java Situation Tense

WITHIN 24 hours of General Christison's warnings to Indonesians that he would meet force with force, Allied warplanes today went into action against extremist forces at Magelang in mid-Java where a small Gurkha force has been fighting heavily since yesterday.

Three R.A.F. Thunderbolts—taking off while Dutch and Indonesian representatives were holding their first talks in Batavia—were on reconnaissance patrol when they saw mortar fire rising from the ground to meet them.

After the initial burst of fire, the aircraft broke formation to chase two staff cars and pursue a group of lorries. Hits were observed.

BATAVIA, Nov. 1.

The Thunderbolts arrived at Batavia only today, but were hastily summoned by Gurkhas at Magelang, who later sent an urgent call for ammunition, stating that they had sufficient only to hold out until midday. Dakotas since have been dropping supplies of ammunition on the Gurkhas' position, and reinforcements from Semarang have reached the besieged garrison.

Today's air attack was the first time SEAC aircraft had strafed a target since the war ended on Aug. 15.

An Allied spokesman tonight stated that planes would only be used in extreme cases. "It was not lightheartedly done," he said. "Crews have strict instructions that they must shoot only legitimate targets."

He said the two Thunderbolts which this afternoon spotted staff cars and lorries fired in front of them. This had the desired effect of stopping the cars and sending the occupants to cover.

TANKS LANDED

Tanks have been put ashore at Sourabaya.

The British commander at Sourabaya, Colonel Hugo Pugh, in a telephone message tonight, intimated that the situation there "is very tense" once again. Col. Pugh stated that Indonesian leaders with whom his predecessor had been dealing have become "truculent."

There had been no shooting yet. R.A.F. Dakotas have been dropping supplies and ammunition on Allied forces at Sourabaya. Mosquito squadrons have arrived at Batavia to reinforce the air strength.

Col. Pugh took over command after Brigadier Mallaby was killed. Mallaby's body has not yet been found nor are further details of his murder available.

There, however, is known to be at least three British officers

NEW DELHI, Nov. 2.—According to an agency report from Tokyo, two of the three witnesses offered by the Japanese Government in place of ex-Foreign Minister Shigemitsu will appear at the trial of the so-called Indian National Army. They are Shunichi Matsumoto, former vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, and Renzo Sawada, former Jap minister in Rangoon.

These names were selected by the Government of India and they are expected to leave for India shortly in an Allied transport plane.

First communique issued in New Delhi said that the Court to try the case will consist of seven members, three of whom will be Indians.

Counsel for the defence will be composed of nine distinguished lawyers including Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru.

The trial will open next Monday, Nov. 5.—All-India Radio.

CHINESE TO LAND IN MANCHURIA

CHUNGKING, Oct. 31.—An official despatch from Gen. Chang Chun says that Soviet and Chinese military authorities have agreed on arrangements for landing of Chinese Government troops in Manchuria.—Reuter.

YAMASHITA TRIAL

Crimes Against Women Described

(By Joseph Laitin, Reuter's Correspondent)

MANILA, Nov. 1

JAPANESE troops in Manila organised "rape pools" in one of the city's best hotels to which selected girls were taken, stated a bulletin issued today by the prosecution in the trial of General Yamashita.

Public and press were excluded from the court today—fourth day of the trial—by order of the Military Commission as unnamed women and girl victims gave evidence of wholesale rape in Manila's best hotels.

Witnesses testified that on one occasion the Japanese ordered 1,500 civilians to collect in the public square of Manila's best residential section, selected 28 of the prettiest girls and took them to a luxurious hotel nearby.

After giving them dinner, the Japanese organised orgies which

and two R.A.F. officers missing in Sourabaya as well as a number of Indian troops. Communications inside the town are erratic and unsteady, and these men may be unable to contact headquarters.—Reuter.

went on all night, Japanese marines making their choice from the "pool."

Only one woman testified to kindness showed her by a Japanese officer, who took her and her child to his room in the hotel and protected her against attack.

Another Japanese officer told her that the Japanese hated all white women and would kill them all or use them for front-line protection against American troops entering Manila.

Russian, Spanish and Mexican women were among those raped in addition to Filipinos.

The prosecution bulletin disclosed that one young girl of "tender age" was assaulted by a marine and later raped by 14 others on the same night.

The commission went into recess until tomorrow.

NOTICE

PAYMENTS TO GOVERNMENT PENSIONERS RESIDENT IN PENANG

Pensions for the month of October 1945, will be paid to Pensioners at the Penang Office of the Ban Hin Lee Bank, Beach Street, Penang at the times and the dates indicated below:—

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Monday 12th Nov. 1945—10 a.m. to 4 p.m.—All pensioners who are unable to present themselves for payment on the above-mentioned dates.

Pensioners must bring with them all pension certificates or documents in their possession.

Pensioners who are resident in Province Wellesley or Bahli, Pulau District of Penang will be paid at the respective District Offices.

British Military Administration
C.A.S. (M), Penang.
Date 2nd November 1945

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Dated this second day of November, 1945.

J. B. SEACER,
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All debts due and owing to and to the said firm of "M. B. Krishnan" will be paid and received by the said M. B. Krishnan.
Dated this 25th day of October, 1945.

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NOTICE

I, Ching Cheng Hock do hereby declare that Cheah Koo Sim and myself have been living separately since 16th October, 1945 and she is no longer under my protection. I am therefore no longer responsible for her debts and actions.
Dated this 31st day of October, 1945.

CHING CHENG HOCK

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHOLERA

At present, an outbreak of Cholera is suspected in NIBONG TEBAL. The cases have been imported from KEDAH. Until this situation is clarified, Nibong Tebal area will be quarantined. No person will be allowed to leave or enter this area unless inoculated since these cases were notified.

All people residing in this area are to be inoculated—this is compulsory.

All coffee shops and restaurants will be closed until inspected by Government officials.

Centres for inoculation are:—
No. 1 Anglo Chinese School Nibong Tebal.

No. 2 Chinese School, Nibong Tebal.

No. 3 District Office, Nibong Tebal.

No. 4 Caledonia Estate, British Military Administration (M).

NOTICE

PENANG SUB AREA has now been formed and is responsible for the Military Administration of PENANG ISLAND and PROVINCE WELLESLEY with effect from 1 Nov. 45.

The Sub Area Commander is Colonel L. E. C. M. PEROWNE, C.B.E., whose HQ is situated in Club Road BUTTERWORTH. (Tel: BUTTERWORTH 1).

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SATURDAY, NOV. 3, 1945.

EDITORIAL

Where Silence Is Not Golden—

PUBLIC anxiety on the recent series of armed robberies which have been breaking the peace of the town will be allayed, we hope, by the official Police statement which we publish today, deprecating the popular belief that the gang, or gangs, which have been so active of late, are members of certain societies. We do not know how this belief originated but there is no doubt, as Captain W. G. Street of the Civil Police points out, that the robbers seek cover under the guise of "patriotism." The reaction of their victims in not daring to report the robberies for fear of reprisals is exactly what the perpetrators would wish for; it is, unfortunately, also proving a great hindrance to the Police in bringing the law-breakers to book. While the reticence of all parties concerned in not wishing to seek more publicity than necessary is quite understandable, they must realise that if the authorities are to be in a position to take prompt action on their behalf, the fullest possible information must be forthcoming from the victims themselves. Silence, far from helping, will only hinder Police investigations and encourage the robbers to further outrages. Particularly in cases where gold has been taken, silence is definitely not golden.

Despite the obvious handicaps under which the Police are working, the public will doubtless welcome the steps which have been, and are being, taken to make Penang a safer place to live in. Early morning raids on hotels have resulted in the detention of several suspects and in the subsequent identification parades, at least one alleged robber is believed to have been recognised. But effective though this cure may appear, we suggest that prevention is even better and, for this reason, we would commend to the attention of the authorities the contention of a correspondent in our "Post-bag" column today, that the public would welcome the provision of more armed patrols in the streets.

As it is, many countryside areas are dark, lonely and practically isolated, and it is here that gang robbers find a happy hunting ground. It would certainly give a much needed fillip to public confidence if the night patrols, which stood guard over our sleep during the war years, could now be re-organised on a proper official footing. There are, we have no doubt, hundreds of members of the Auxiliary Police Force who are at present unemployed and who would welcome the opportunity of being absorbed into the regular Police force. A careful selection of such men should ensure that sufficient personnel is available to preserve Penang's peaceful citizenship at night.

POST BAG

The Late Brigadier Mallaby: A Tribute

(To The Editor)

Sir—May I be permitted to add my small tribute to the late Brigadier Mallaby, whom I was fortunate enough to know well.

When he was Director of Military Operations at G.H.Q. (India), I served in a branch of the staff of H.Q. Southern Army which indirectly came under him, and I was privileged to accompany him on one occasion on a tour by air of Southern India. I always went to see him on my visits to G.H.Q. (I).

He was extremely quiet and modest, yet at the same time one could not fail to be struck by his deep knowledge of affairs and quick appreciation of any situation.

He occupied during the war very responsible positions on the operations and planning staffs at the War Office, prior to going to India as D.M.O.

After many months of trying and only as late as September 1944, if I remember right, did he manage to leave G.H.Q. (I) and get command of a brigade on the N. W. Frontier of India. This, of course, meant reverting from Major General to Brigadier, but what was that when compared with having an active command.

War is a beastly business, and will become more so. But murder, especially at a time when the victim was negotiating to bring to an end a state of hostilities, is both insensate and loathsome.

How sad it is that so often those holding eminent positions, or when engaged on humanitarian duties, fall victim to the assassin's bullet.

Yours, etc.,
R. F. H. DRAKE-BROCKMAN,
(Lt. Colonel).
Penang, November 2.

Points From Other Letters

PARENTS NEED RELIEF TOO!: So much is being done in the matter of public relief. Surely the authorities can extend this concession to poor parents? "Large Family Victim," Penang.

TO EARN, NOT TO SAVE: Alpha in last Sunday's "By the Way" estimates that the public will save one million dollars from this month's increased rice rations. What we want is not merely a chance to save, but to earn—"Nil Desperandum," Penang.

CYCLE LIGHTS: I had an unpleasant experience the other night when a cyclist without lights knocked into me. When will the police stop this traffic offence—K. E. Tann, Penang.

Gang Robberies: More Police Patrols Urged

(To the Editor)

Sir—Following close on the heels of the reported strikes and civil disturbances in Perak and Singapore, the news in your paper yesterday of an armed robbery, the third of its kind, and a suspected sabotage, has marred the placid serenity of life here in "this blessed plot," this Penang.

It is our fervent hope that these untoward occurrences will not recur, but in the meantime, householders, especially those in the outskirts of Georgetown, will welcome the sight of more police patrols on the roads.

Yours, etc.,
DISTURBED
Penang, October 31.

IN TOWN TONIGHT

Strike Up The Band For Mickey's Best Musical

"STRIKE UP THE BAND": M-G-M musical starring Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland with Paul Whiteman and his Orchestra, June Preisser and an excellent supporting cast. Directed by Busby Berkeley; opened at Rex yesterday, still showing today and tomorrow.

One preceding short: James Fitzpatrick's Travel Talk on Hongkong (in technicolour).

IN these days of indifferent entertainment fare, it is not often that one can be really enthusiastic about the type of show that we are getting; once in a while, however, a good film comes along and the reviewer's life is brightened.

Strike up the band, therefore, for Mickey and Judy, that most versatile young pair of pals who sing, dance, burlesque and generally entertain themselves—and you—in the happy, carefree Busby Berkeley musical currently showing at Rex.

And just in case you think the music is not sufficiently hot stuff with Mickey banging away at the drum for all he is worth, there is also King of Jazz Paul Whiteman.

Brightest spot in the picture is the burlesque on the gay nineties with Nell of New Rochelle valiantly defying the Big Bad Villain. Two other stand-outs are the amusing fruit scene earlier in the picture and the eye-filling finale in which Mickey conducts four bands with Judy and chorus dancing and singing in the best Busby Berkeley style.

RATING: Tops in musical entertainment with Mickey and Judy reaching new heights. Well worth seeing again, even at the present high price of admission.

—K.C.K.

Tribute To Work Of North-West Mounted Police

"NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE": Produced by Paramount Pictures and directed by Cecil B. de Mille starring Gary Cooper, and Madeleine Carroll, supported by Robert Preston, Paulette Goddard, Preston Foster, Akim Tamiroff and others. Screening time 60 minutes; opened at Odeon yesterday, still screening.

Supporting short: A Pop-eye Cartoon.

This film, beautifully photographed in technicolour, pays a well-deserved tribute to Canada's famed North-West Mounted Police, who have undoubtedly played a considerable part in the development of that virile nation. The Mounties—their kindness, honesty, doggedness, and above all, their gallantry—are spectacularly portrayed in a drama that does not shrink from depicting death, rebellion and intrigue, but registers compellingly the bitter hardships borne by that gallant police force to keep British prestige high in the vast territories of the North-West.

Gary Cooper plays the role of a Texas Ranger with sunniness, while Miss Carroll fills the part of a ministering angel at the outpost where the drama is laid with sympathy and understanding.

—E.P.B.

"The Great Dictator"

Although it was the third day of showing, Charlie Chaplin's "The Great Dictator" continued to fill the box offices at Queen's yesterday. This bold, hilarious sketch of Hitler ends its season this evening and should not be missed by those who haven't seen it as yet.

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MORE FIGHTING IN NORTH CHINA

Conflict Spreading To South

CHUNGKING, Nov. 1.—The political and military situation in China was today steadily worsening through the failure of Kuomintang and Communist negotiators to arrive at a settlement on fundamental issues.

Doon Campbell, Reuter's special correspondent, reports that every day's delay is causing more bitter feeling and suspicion in Chungking, more fighting and bloodshed in North China.

There were indications today that the conflict is now spreading to South China.

A Reuter message from Hong-kong says a statement issued by the East River Column alleged that Central Government forces had acted in contravention of the Chungking agreement by attacking Communist organisations along the East River. The statement urgently appealed to the Central Government to recognise the provisions of the agreement "in order to avert civil war and recognise that peace and reconstruction must be the basic policy."

Communist Counter-Proposals

Chinese Communists today, in reply to the Central Government proposal that if Communist troops got off the railway line they would not be molested, requested that Central Government troops should stop advancing and occupying new territories and that troops of both parties stay away from railroads.

Communist counter-proposals suggested further that the Central Government should cease using "puppets of the Japanese" against Communists, and that if it wanted to make any troop movement by rail it should first consult with Communists.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces, already committed to reopening of railway communications, are here thought not likely to agree to these proposals.

A late dispatch tonight states that Soviet and Chinese authorities meeting in the Manchurian capital have reached agreement on the landing of Central Government forces in Manchuria. The Generalissimo's son, Chiang Ching-kuo, headed the Chinese delegation in the talks. No ports were specified.—Reuter.

Egypt Premier Meets Alan Brooke

CAIRO, Oct. 31.—Egyptian Premier Nokrashy Pasha told the press this afternoon that the question of the evacuation of British forces from Egypt had been among the subjects discussed today with the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, General Sir Bernard Paget, and the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Field-Marshal Lord Alan Brooke.

JAP FLEET REMNANTS TO BE SCUTTLED

Big Four To Share 38 Destroyers

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—At a press conference today, Secretary of State James Byrnes said that the remnants of the Japanese fleet except 38 destroyers will be scuttled.

Mr. Byrnes said Britain, Russia and China had agreed to this scuttling. Destroyers and other vessels of lesser tonnage—exclusive of submarines—would be divided equally among the four powers.

Mr. Byrnes enumerated the remaining major vessels of the Japanese war fleet as: one battleship, four aircraft-carriers, four cruisers, 38 destroyers and 51 submarines. Submarines will be scuttled, as will battleships, cruisers and carriers.

Mr. Byrnes indicated that although the method of scuttling had not yet been determined, the ships might be used for experiments with atomic bombs.

There was no agreement on the disposition of the Japanese merchant vessels because all were needed to transport Japanese troops back to their homeland.

Monmouth Retained By Conservatives

LONDON, Oct. 31.—Conservative Peter Thorneycroft, former Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport, was returned in the Monmouth by-election today with 21,092 votes against 18,953 polled by his Labour opponent Al Oakley. The Conservative majority of 2,139 compares with 1,652 at the General Election. The by-election was caused by the death of Conservative Leslie Pym who died before the declaration of the result of the last General Election.—Reuter.

FIRST TALKS IN JAVA LEAVE "PLEASANT TASTE"

(By Narayan Rajamani, Reuter's Special Correspondent)

BATAVIA, Nov. 1.—The first talks between the Netherlands and Indonesian representatives in Java took place today at General Sir Philip Christison's house and lasted two and a half hours.

They took the form of a free and informal exchange of views between Dr. Hubertus van Mook, Dutch Lieutenant-Governor-General, and Dr. Soekarno, "President" of the Indonesian Republic.

Although no details are available, the talks which followed a full meeting of the Indonesian Cabinet seem to have left a pleasant taste in the mouths of participants.

Dr. van Mook was accompanied by Mr. van der Plas, adviser to the Allied authorities on Dutch affairs, and Dr. Edenburg, formerly Chief of Cabinet to the Governor-General.

In addition to Dr. Soekarno, the Indonesian side was represented by Dr. Mohamed Hatta, Vice-President, Admiral Sjarifoedin, Information Minister, Dr. A. Soebardjo, Foreign Minister, and Dr. Agous Salim, veteran nationalist who has retired from politics but who now advises Dr. Soebardjo.

Neither General Christison nor Maberley Denning, Political Adviser to Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, were present.

It is understood that Indonesian leaders made efforts to dispel the Dutch belief that the "Republican Government" originated under Japanese inspiration, while Dutch representatives pointed out the advantages and necessity for Indonesia and Holland to work together for their mutual benefit.—Reuter.

PLANS TO GOVERN JAPAN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Japan is eventually to be administered on the lines of the Allied civilian government which is now being planned for Germany, President Truman said here today.

He said he endorsed the suggestions made in a letter from General Eisenhower that next June 1 should be set as the goal for transferring the government of Germany from military to civilian hands. Military occupation, as distinct from military government, should continue for as long as necessary after that date. The civil organisation would be under Mr. Truman's direct orders.—Reuter.

Tokyo Black Market Ring Smashed

TOKYO, Oct. 31.—The American Military Police last night smashed a Tokyo black market ring estimated to have put through deals worth well over half a million dollars in the three weeks they had been operating.—Reuter.

Soekarno Appeals To Indonesians

BATAVIA, Nov. 1.—Dr. Soekarno broadcast an appeal to all Indonesians to stop fighting "and solve all misunderstandings in close co-operation with the Allies."

Dr. Soekarno added: "There is no reason for us to take arms against the Allied forces. They came only to disarm and evacuate the Japanese and also to take care of internees and maintain law and order in areas occupied by the Allies."

Dr. Soekarno's movements were today reported still to be "free and unrestricted."—Reuter.

300,000 JAPANESE STILL IN D.E.I.

(By P. S. Gopalan)

SEAC HEADQUARTERS, Oct. 31.—Nearly two months after official peace with Japan there are still considerable bodies of Japanese—no less than 300,000 the bulk of which are yet to be disarmed—left on various islands in the Indian Ocean, it is learnt here.

According to reports received, the population of various islands are manifesting unrest in varying degrees. There have been a few incidents in Sumatra, although little has been heard of events in that island, but the independence movement there does not appear as strong as in Java. Some time ago, Japanese troops were ordered to restore order in Palembang and the situation there and in the other two main cities of Padang and Medan is now said to be quiet.

Seventy-three thousand Japanese are still under arms on Sumatra. Civil unrest is said to be spreading to Bali where—according to unconfirmed rumours—Indonesian agitators are now active.—Reuter.

World Trusteeship For Palestine?

LONDON, Nov. 1.—The British Government has evolved plans for eventual world trusteeship for Palestine, writes the Daily Telegraph political correspondent today.

"The policy is in general agreed between Britain and the United States though many points of detail remain to be discussed. Some of them will be settled when President Truman and Mr. Attlee meet in Washington in about 10 days' time. Government considers that there must in any circumstances be a re-transfer or resuscitation of the present mandate."—Reuter.

PENICILLIN TO SAVE BLINDNESS

LONDON, Oct. 31.—Epidemics of conjunctivitis, which attack thousands of infants and children in Iraq, India and Ceylon every year, can be dealt with by Penicillin, said a speaker at the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene here today.

He was Major J. Minton of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who painted a picture of mothers crowding the hospitals of the Middle East while the children received treatment.

Best general treatment was the sulphonamides, but Penicillin was highly recommended.

"Penicillin will save many eyes, which up to recently would certainly be destroyed by virulent infections," said Major Minton. "Unfortunately, in the East these modern methods are rarely used." To combat trachoma, which showed no sign of abating in the Middle East because modern treatment was not being followed up, mobile clinics had been introduced by the Egyptian and Palestine Governments, stated Major Minton.—Reuter.

NEW CONSTITUTION FOR CEYLON

LONDON, OCT. 31.—THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, GEORGE HALL, ANNOUNCED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT A CONSTITUTION FOR CEYLON ON THE GENERAL LINES PROPOSED BY THE SOULBURY COMMISSION WOULD PROVIDE A WORKABLE BASIS FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROGRESS OF CEYLON.

Reading from a White Paper embodying the statement of policy by the British Government on constitutional reform in Ceylon, which he said was being presented to the Commons this afternoon, Mr. Hall said: "His Majesty's Government are in sympathy with the desire of the people of Ceylon to advance towards Dominion status, and they are anxious to co-operate with them to that end."

"With this in mind, Government have reached the conclusion that a constitution on the general lines proposed by the Soulbury Commission will provide a workable basis for constitutional progress in Ceylon."

Recommendations Modified

The White Paper states: "Recommendations of the Soulbury Commission will be modified by shortening of the term of membership of the Upper House, by enlargement of powers of the Ceylon Government to regulate coastal and overseas shipping provided that Commonwealth shipping is not subject to differential treatment."

Government announce their decision not to insist upon acceptance of the Soulbury proposals by a majority of three-quarters of the State Council (as laid down in the 1943 declaration), but they will take into account the views expressed by the State Council and the number of members voting in favour of the new constitution.—Reuter.

BRITISH INTERESTS IN BALKANS

LONDON, Oct. 31.—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told the Commons today that the Soviet Government had informed him that they did not consider legitimate British interests affected by the Soviet-Hungarian and Soviet-Rumanian trade agreements which, they said, had as their aim to promote the development of economic relationships between the Soviet Union and countries near her.

Mr. Bevin added that he had not yet had time to consider this.

Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary: "Is it not a fact that the Soviet Government themselves offered at Potsdam fuller participation by us in the Control Commission and should they, therefore, not have consulted us?"

Mr. Bevin: "I think one of the most disturbing elements in endeavouring to get united action in this business is this constant bilateral procedure."—Reuter.

Pact On Atom Control Expected

Washington, Oct. 31.

(By William Hardcastle) President Truman hopes to be able to present a hard and fast Anglo-American agreement on the control and use of atomic energy for Congressional ratification after the coming talks with British Premier Clement Attlee and Canadian Prime Minister MacKenzie King. It is learned in well-informed quarters here.

Only if the "Anglo-Saxon Big Three" should agree on definite plans for an international conference on the atomic bomb, however, is Russia likely to be drawn into these discussions, and only then as one of a number of nations.

On the other hand, with the United Nations Organisation likely to go into full executive action by the new year, it is considered possible—again providing that America, Britain and Canada agree—that the problem could be handed to its Security Council for solution.—Reuter.

LAVAL'S DEFENCE

PARIS, Oct. 30.—A 60,000-word document prepared by Pierre Laval for his defence in prison was handed to the press today by Count Rene de Chambrun, his son-in-law, as part of a campaign for a revision of the treason trial.

Maitre Naud and Maitre Baraduc, who defended Laval, claim the hearing was improperly conducted and are preparing a case for the Vichy Premier's rehabilitation.—Reuter.

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8.45—9.00 Sporting Commentary by Wally Reynolds.

9.00—9.15 Time signal, news, announcements and programme summary.

9.15—10.00 The Army Entertains—Programme of Variety introduced by John Coulson.

Trial Of Ipoh Chinese Paper Principals

ARTICLES ALLEGED DETRIMENTAL TO B.M.A.

IPOH, NOV. 1. THE CASE AGAINST THE NINE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE "SHIH TAI JIH PAO," CHINESE NEWSPAPER OF IPOH, WHO WERE CHARGED WITH PUBLISHING ARTICLES DETRIMENTAL TO THE BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION CAME UP FOR HEARING BEFORE A BRITISH OFFICER COURT IN IPOH THIS MORNING. THE COURT WAS PRESIDED OVER BY MAJOR J. G. ADAMS AND HE WAS ASSISTED BY CAPT. R. H. D. CRIGHTON AND CAPT. POYER LEWIS.

The accused were: Fu Phan Chin (general manager), Chang Lim Soo (assistant editor), Looi Poh Chin and Wong Heong (advertising clerk and circulating clerk respectively) and five others, Chow Yit Choo, Pat Tit, Tang Ming Chak, Woo Cheang, and Wong Pin Mooi.

Major McDonald, C.J.M., Perak, prosecuted and Mr. H. T. Ong appeared for the defence.

OWNER'S EVIDENCE

Lee Koon Voon, tin miner of Menglembu and owner of the Nanyang Press, giving evidence, said that immediately after the Japanese surrender certain prominent Chinese approached him with a suggestion of taking over and running a paper. One Ng Thian Wong also came to him and introduced several Chinese and asked that they be allowed to become members of the Board of Directors.

Witness identified the first accused as one of those introduced by Ng Thian Wong. Witness was forced to accept the post of Chairman of the Board of Directors. The business was to have started with a capital of 200,000 Japanese dollars, but actually the paid up capital was only one third.

The Board of Directors appointed the first accused General Manager as he had promised to pay \$80,000 for shares.

Witness did not know whether this money was paid, as first accused was the treasurer. After some days, witness came to know that Ng Thian Wong was President of the Communist Party. After a few days witness noticed the tone of the paper was anti-Government.

CALL FROM SCAO

The first editor, Lim Yin Cheong resigned after ten days. Foo Chin Kin was next editor. During his time Col. Harvey, S.C.A.O., sent for witness and the editor. Witness denied responsibility for articles published, while the editor took full responsibility for all publications.

Witness told the editor to inform the first accused of the interview they had with Col. Harvey.

Cross-examined by defence counsel, witness said he was only a figurehead.

The Board of Directors had no control over the policy of the paper.

"This is by far one of the most disgraceful abuses of the freedom of the Press. Allegations of shooting and massacre contained in these articles are actually without foundations and I am not going to read these disgraceful articles, as the sooner they are forgotten the better," remarked Major J. G. Adams yesterday afternoon when he convicted all nine accused and sentenced them to periods ranging to seven years' rigorous imprisonment.

THE SENTENCES

Second accused was convicted of two charges of publishing and circulating on Oct. 23 and 24 articles detrimental to the British Military Administration. The first accused was sentenced to three years' r.i. on the first charge and four years' on the second charge, the sentences to run consecutively, the second accused to two and three years, the third and fourth accused to nine months and one year, the fifth accused to two and three years, all rigorous sentences, to run consecutively.

The last four accused were bound over for a period of twelve months to be of good behaviour in the sum of \$500 with one surety, failing to find a surety, to six months.

Summing-up, Major Adams said the court regretted that the man who wrote the articles was not before the court today and told the prosecution that a general warrant be issued for his arrest. "It says a great deal for the commonsense of the people of Perak that no interruption took place, especially at a time when there was some disturbances as these articles were intended to create. It has been made clear by these articles that their movement concerns a very small percentage of the people of Malaya, as Brigadier Willan said the other day 'very small unruly element' and that the common people are perfectly content to bide their time and give the government a chance to reorganise after more than three years of chaos."

He regretted the court did not believe one word of the evidence given by the accused. The general manager made a futile attempt to shift the responsibility to the editor. It is clearly seen that the manager, the second accused, and the fifth accused were all school teachers and the court is of the opinion that the evidence tends to show that a deliberate attempt had been made to create a paper which was going to be thoroughly inflammatory.

With regard to the third and fourth accused, they must have known what was going on and as such must share responsibility although not guilty to such a degree as accused 1, 2 and 5.

The last four accused were unfortunate for having had to work there for a living. Before taking a serious view of the case he would like to say, in his opinion, Mr. Ong had made a very great effort to put forward everything that could be put, Major Adams concluded.

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Fu Phan Chin, general manager, "Shih Tai Jih Pao," in his defence, said he was a Chinese school teacher of Tapah prior to 1942. He changed his occupation to farmer and soap manufacturer during the Japanese occupation. He had no previous experience of newspaper work. His duties were to supervise the sale of the paper, to take charge of finance and look after the general business.

The paper had no connection with the Communist Party and had no personal knowledge of whether the articles were submitted by the Communist Party for publication. The editor never consulted witness before publishing articles and proofs were not shown to him. He had not seen the articles in question until after his arrest.

He agreed the articles were detrimental to the B.M.A. and would not have allowed their publication had he seen proofs. Witness was aware of the interview Col. Harvey, S.C.A.O., had with the Chairman of the Board of Directors and Editor and that Col. Harvey objected to certain articles.

Witness told the editor to be more careful in his attitude to the Government. He was unaware that certain articles were still being published in disregard of his instructions.

Cross-examined, witness said he knew Ng Thian Wong, President of the Perak Communist Party, but he was not the man (Continued at Foot of Next Col.)

ALLEGED OIL LOOTERS DEFY SENTRIES, SHOT AT TWO SUCCUMB TO INJURIES

RAID ON IPOH But Plane Drops B.M.A. Leaflets

IPOH, Nov. 1.—Probably the first peace-time leaflet raid on Malaya was carried out this morning when an Auster scattered over Ipoh and other parts of the state 100,000 pamphlets.

Printed in English and Chinese, the pamphlets carry a message to the people of the state from the B.M.A. clarifying the true policy of the administration in the task of restoring the country back to pre-war normalcy.

Sole Survivor Of "Unlucky 13" Traced

JACK BENNETT IN SINGAPORE

Through diligent and exhaustive investigations conducted by the Intelligence Service in Penang, the major chapter of the story of the "Unlucky 13" can now be brought to a close. Jack Bennett, Pte. No. 4857468 of the 1st Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment, who was among those taken by the Kempeitai and had survived after long months of imprisonment, has been traced.

The gap between Feb. 1943 and June 1945, in the story of Jack Bennett and the other British troops who were left behind in Penang, can now be bridged.

In June 1943, some soldiers were reported hiding at Sungai Pinang. These were proved, on investigation, to be those who had previously been sheltered at Balik Pulau, but who had had to flee because of pursuit by the enemy. There appeared to be only three of them left, the Indian Sepoy Brahma Chand, Samuel Freer and Jack Bennett. In Feb. 1944 certain Chinese and Malays informed against them. They were caught and suffered torture under the Kempeitai.

A month after the arrest a (Continued in next Col.)

Two different bands of looters who attempted to get away with several drums of crude oil from an oil dump at Glugor in the early hours of yesterday morning were shot at by patrols. Two of the men, one a Chinese and the other a Sikh, died from gunshot wounds at the General Hospital the same day.

At about 3 a.m. yesterday, some Chinese were seen by the sentry at the Glugor Sea Plane Base carting away some drums of crude oil from an oil dump at Glugor, in a hand cart. Orders to stop by the sentry were not heeded by the men, who were pulling and pushing the handcart, and were shot at by the sentry. The men were making their way along Glugor towards Green Lane. Two of the Chinese were injured while the others made good their escape. They were taken to the hospital, where one of them died shortly afterwards.

RIOT SQUAD CALLED

In the meantime the Riot Squad of the R.A.F. Regt. was summoned. The Squad while on its way to the scene of the shooting came across a lorry along Green Lane. Driven by a Sikh with another Sikh seated beside him, the lorry was loaded with several drums of oil, believed to have been looted from the same dump at Glugor. There were three other Sikhs at the back of the lorry.

The Squad ordered the lorry to stop, but the order was ignored. The vehicle, instead, gathered speed in an attempt to get away. The Squad opened fire injuring the three Sikhs at the rear of the lorry, which then pulled up, but the driver made good his escape, while the man seated beside him was arrested.

The three injured Sikhs were removed to the hospital, one of them succumbing to his injuries shortly after admission.

Investigations have been handed over to the police.

Chinese Tan Teong Sin of Penang was apprehended and tortured so as to make him confess that he had helped British soldiers. However, he was spared his life by wholesale bribery of the Jap guards and of others.

Of the Balik Pulau party, Samuel Freer died in 1945 of beri-beri and under-nourishment. Jack Bennett survived and was taken to Taiping from where, it is believed, he was transferred to Singapore.

WHAT TOMMIES THINK OF TAIPING

Taiping, Oct. 31. Although their stay in this town has been roughly five weeks, British Tommies show a great deal of interest in things Malayan. Glancing over a few copies of the "Mercury," the weekly unit paper of the 25th Indian Division Signals, one notes that there is a special column every week dealing with English words and their equivalent in Romanised Malay.

This shows that they are keen to learn the Malay language, unlike the Japanese soldier who thinks more of his language and wants everybody to converse with him in his tongue.

Like every soldier's newspaper, the "Mercury" is full of good humour and wit, and there is a topical cartoon by B.E.L. every week to brighten up the paper.

The Tommies think much of Malayan children as this article indicates "We have all noticed the high standard of intelligence among the children here and their excellent school buildings are a proud feature of Malaya. In fact many an English town would be glad to exchange."

Regarding Malayan fruits, one of the boys writes "Delicious pineapples, 20 cents each are a bargain. Indian corn (Cob) wants boiling and salt, very tasty, and Chinese strawberry and chikus are both strange and delicious." But wait till they taste the rambutan, mangosteen and the durian.

League Soccer

Malays And 2759 Sqdr. Share Points

The Malays drew with 2759 Squadron 1-1 in yesterday's league soccer match on the Dato Kramat padang yesterday. The game was rather scrappy, this being partly due to the slippery condition of the field.

For the first twenty minutes or so, the Malays were on the aggressive but 2759 Sqdr. opened the account through Clarke against the run of play. Stevenson was an energetic forward and outstanding throughout, while Ambrose and Dagnall, the full-backs were a sound pair.

The Malays had chances of equalising soon after resumption but showed poor finishing. Their feeble shots at goal were saved by Robinson with ease.

After a series of attacks, the Malays scored the equaliser through sheer luck when Ambrose blundered by passing the ball back, too late for Robinson to accept. Che Din was the scorer.

In the penultimate stage, the Malays would have scored the winning goal but Sudin's well-placed shot was well anticipated by Robinson who dived across to save what seemed a certain goal. Dagnall cleared the ball out of danger zone.

Mr. F. Reutens refereed the match.

St. Theresa's Boys School will reopen at its former premises at Jalan Kollam Ayer, Sungai Patai, on Monday, Nov. 5, 1945. Registration of pupils will commence on Nov. 2 from 8.00 a.m. to noon daily.

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Parents Ask For Time To Pay School Fees

From enquiries made at the various schools in Penang this morning an "Echo-Gazette" representative understands that many parents have been presenting themselves at the schools asking for time to pay the two months' fees demanded. A few managed to pay one month's fees only. The majority of parents have also written in asking for a postponement of payment.

Many unemployed parents have asked the heads of schools

who got him the job. He denied that he was brought here by the Communist Party to run papers for them.

At the time of the raid, Fu Ching Phin was editor. Witness did not know him but employed him because a friend recommended him. The editor was in the building up to the morning of Oct. 24, but had just gone out when the raid took place. The second accused said he was a proof reader and his job was only to see the correctness of the proofs. Fifth accused said he came to Ipoh on the afternoon of Oct. 23 and had not started work yet when he was arrested.

whether it would be possible to pay the fees when they are employed. Most of these parents are in commercial firms.

Heads of schools are in a quandary. They have not received orders to grant postponement of fees. Parents therefore hope that Government will suspend the payment of school fees at least for some months or reduce the school fees to \$1 per head.

A few teachers have actually helped some parents by paying the fees for some pupils.

That some parents have managed to pay their children's school fees is no indication that they can afford to do so during the coming months. Knowing that their children had no education for four years now, some say, they have actually begged and borrowed so that their children's education might not suffer.

Manufactured by Teo Pin Chong & Co., Scented Solidified Brilliantine is now on sale on the local market at \$1.50 each. One of the best products of its kind to be made locally, this Brilliantine should prove popular with the public.